

# BOB FELLER'S

## ★ ALL-STARS ★

PRESS RELEASE



### Facts on Feller

Bob holds 13 major league records and has led the American League in strikeouts his last five active years...has made an astonishing comeback after three years in the Navy, a span during which he rarely picked up a baseball.... after a few months of pitching for Navy teams, Bob asked out of Comdr. Gene Tunney's physical training program and requested combat duty, winding up in charge of an anti-aircraft gun crew and earning eight battle stars.

Feller will be 28 years old November 3...he's the only pitcher in baseball history who in single games has struck out 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 batters, is the only major league pitcher to hurl a no-hit game on the opening day of the season, and has pitched eight one-hitters and numerous two and three-hitters... he lost the game in which he fanned 18 Detroit Tigers to establish a modern record... three former Cleveland players - Frankie Hayes, Billy Sullivan and Earl Averill - have wrecked no-hit games for Feller, who twice has held St. Louis, Detroit and Boston to one hit.

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In a test supervised by Army ordnance officials, Feller fired his fast ball through a chronograph (speed recording device) at 98.6 miles per hour or 145 feet per second at Washington on August 20, 1946...the pitch was measured from the mound to the rear of home plate and required sharp control, since it meant throwing into a machine three feet wide at the front, narrowing to two feet at the rear.

Only a few years removed from a Van Meter, Ia., farm, Feller has developed into an enterprising businessman...he made all the arrangements for the extensive tour of his All-Stars, lining up talent which will cost him more than \$2,000 a day when the barnstorming trip gets under way... Bob is now negotiating a deal in which he hopes to purchase the Denver baseball club and revive the old Western League as a Class A-1 circuit.

Feller plans to pitch five times a week with his All-Stars, appearing two innings each time, before relinquishing the mound to Bobo Newsom or Spud Chandler... after his All-Stars disband on the Pacific Coast later in October, Feller will hop to Honolulu for personal appearances.

Bob's flair for showmanship will be evident in his All-Star games ... his outfielders - Sam Chapman, Charley Keller and Jeff Heath - will stage slugging exhibitions before each game...and a dozen balls autographed by all of his All-Stars will be presented to holders of lucky ticket stub or scorecard numbers.

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